

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Inquiry Concerning City Carrier Costs

Docket No. PI2017-1

THIRD STATUS REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
IN RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 4869  
(October 24, 2019)

Order No. 4869 was an interim order requiring the Postal Service “to provide an expanded dataset of city carrier delivery data” as described in the order, and “to report quarterly on its status in developing the expanded dataset.” Order No. 4869 (November 2, 2018) at 17. The required expanded dataset was described as follows:

The dataset shall include data for each of the 12 consecutive calendar months, for 1 randomly drawn regular workweek from the expanded set of ZIP-Code-days served by regular city carriers. This expanded dataset should include data for all variables that are currently part of the Model. The Commission also suggests that it would be useful to have an alternative measure of density and asks the Postal Service to provide daily ZIP Code miles for each ZIP-Code-day, if feasible.

*Id.* at 16 (footnotes omitted). The Postal Service hereby provides its third status report in response to this Order.

Accompanying the second status report on July 31 2019 were data for January, February, and March of 2019, with those data submitted as USPS-PI2017-1/NP2.<sup>1</sup> Now, accompanying this status report are additional data for April, May, and June of 2019. These data are submitted as USPS-PI2017-1/NP3. The sample selection time

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<sup>1</sup> Within the files now being submitted, the ability to link data to specific ZIP Codes has been retained. While this feature conceivably may facilitate avenues of research of potential interest to some, allowing this facility-specific linkage also requires that the dataset be submitted under seal.

frames and methodology remain the same as was discussed in the first status report, except as modified in the second status report. No further modifications were necessary.

As noted above, the data collected for the fourth through sixth calendar months of 2019 (using the stratification procedure discussed in the second status report) are being provided under seal as USPS-PI2017-1/NP3.

Respectfully submitted,

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